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EXPANSION.

Against expansion, growth, and development of a plant, child, city or country on correct lines, nothing can be said. We have seen fruit trees grow so rapidly—expand so quickly, that the object of their lives—the production of fruit, was a miscarriage. We have seen children develop so that they amounted to nothing in life, save as freaks in a dime museum. We have seen cities in the West expand so quickly as to be out of proportion to the resources upon which they must depend for their existence.

After all, growth and development must be on correct, on healthy lines. Our government was based on certain well defined principles. The equality of all before the law—the consent of the governed—and no taxation without representation, were admitted, fundamental principles.

Later on, we agreed that no entangling alliances should be formed.

All expansion, growth or development on these basic principles, as in the interests of our people, and country. All expansion not in conformity with these fundamental doctrines, will either be injurious to us as a country or will tend to change our country from a republic to another form of government.

When England, like Spain, sought to retain her revolting colonies, France gave us a helping hand, just as we gave the Cubans our aid. But France did not, because of that, attempt to dictate our policy of government, nor did she ask that we should allow their government, to conduct our government, until the expenses incurred by the French had been returned to them.

The right of conquest, of force, is an old idea, and our principles of government are directly in antagonism to the idea that might makes right.

We do believe, that it would be advantageous to Cuba and Porto Rico, to belong to our union of States, yet, if the people of the West Indies, prefer a government of their own, it is their right to annex them, until they have lawfully expressed a desire to become a part of our government.

We believe that it would be advantageous to our Union; but we would be destroying our very foundation principles if we attempted to coerce her.

A thousand and one times more forceful does the objections become, when we study the Philippine question. Eleven thousand miles away, a tropical clime, and an unwilling people, and entangling alliances with monarchial governments must follow, if we are to keep them.

Perhaps the greatest objection to the Philippine question lies in the fact—that in a country where it was once our boast that all were equal, and every man a sovereign, no one knows what the present administration proposes to do with the Philippine Islands.

We are told that we have paid for them, hence they are ours, but if you buy a stolen horse, the law does not give you the ownership of the stolen property. We are told that we must subjugate them, that they are in open, defiant, rebellion. Why must we subjugate them? Why coerce them? If the principle, that the consent of the majority must be given in a lawful manner before we have the right to govern them, then we have no right to subjugate them. We revolted, and did rebel against the English government, because the doctrine of taxation without representation was unjust. Have the Filipinos not the same right? And how can these people be in rebellion, when they have never known or accepted our authority to govern them? This country has always treated with the American Indian—we have bought and paid them for their lands; surely we ought to do at least as much for the Filipinos.

Now that we have grown to be a powerful country, shall we leave the principles that we have followed—that have made us great? Shall we deny to others the freedom that we have enjoyed? Shall we collect duties and taxes from a people that will have no voice in our government, and but little in their own? Shall we make entangling alliances, offensive and defensive, with monarchial governments? Shall we in our mad career destroy our free government, overturn the principle upon which our government was founded—and all because a political party now in power does not want to admit that it has made a grievous mistake? Shall we continue to abide the tradition of the past and thus let the greatest safeguard of liberty, slip from our grasp?

Let us remember, that be that taketh the sword shall perish by it, and return to the good old ways of the Fathers, who loved their country more than party or the spoils of office.

County News.

Raphine, Va., Aug. 21.—A week ago to-day we had a fine rain and every one thought the dry, hot weather was over, but there has been no rain since and although it was quite cool and pleasant for a few days after the rain it has gotten exceedingly warm again, yesterday and to-day being as hot as any we have had this summer. The corn and grass is beginning to need rain badly.

The corn crop must necessarily be a very short one, not over half of an average. The ground has become too hard to plow and those that have not finished will be late getting in their ground broken. Many have finished but as a general thing the ground is very cloddy and in bad order, and will require much labor to get in order.

There are several cases of sickness in the community at present. Mr. Eugene Fulwiler, clerk in Mr. Montgomery's store, had to be taken to his father's at Spotswood some ten days ago with typhoid fever. All reports indicate a mild case and his speedy recovery is anticipated.

Mrs. David Black and her daughter, Mary, at Davis Station are both quite well at present.

Mrs. Arabella Black, an aged lady of this place, is quite low at present. She has dropsical affection.

Miss Eleanor White is the guest of Miss Mayme Smith and Miss Jean Harman at Mrs. C. J. Bell.

Mr. "Bozzie" Rawlings is visiting his uncle, Capt. B. C. Rawlings.

The young people of this section are having a jolly time at present. On Saturday evening about 35 of them chaperoned by Mrs. C. J. Bell took a hay ride, the wagon being drawn by Mr. Martin Cox's engine. They all express themselves as having had a jolly good time. They are preparing for a large one to-night, going to New Providence to hear Pold Miller, and enjoy a good, hearty laugh.

Mr. D. E. East shipped to-day from this place 3 cars of stock, among them were 20 head of steers grazed by J. Frank Clemmer, gross weight of which was 25,907 or an average of 1,415 pounds.

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Gilmore's Mills, Va., Aug. 21.—Refreshing showers. Late corn looking fine; farmers smiling.

Mr. H. L. Kennedy of Lexington is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. W. Barger, of our city.

Miss Willie Watson of Bedford county, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mabel Hatcher, of our vicinity.

Mrs. Edward Watson and daughter Miss Juliet, of Roanoke are visiting Mrs. W. H. Chiles, sister of Mrs. Watson.

Mr. H. M. Swartz of Rocky Point spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Swartz of our town.

The festival held here Saturday evening for the benefit of the Rev. J. G. Scott ended with gratifying results, both financially and behavior. Everything passed off in the most orderly manner, and it was a pleasure to be among such a gathering. Thirty-five dollars in cash was realized after all expenses were paid. The committee sincerely thank the public for their kindness in showing such a helping hand for the success attained.

Collierstown, Va., Aug. 21.—The Fourth Annual Virginia Conference of the Second Day Adventists met at Union View church, on Lexington and Covington Turnpike near Collierstown Thursday, 17th of August, 1899, and closed Sunday night with communion services. The following counties belong to this Conference: Highland, Bath, Alleghany and Rockbridge. The Ministers present were Elder S. T. Bove, President of conference, Elders S. A. Mundy, M. H. Corbit and Wilber Spencer, President of W. V. Conference and member of Legislature from Roanoke county. There were 23 delegates present to represent the several churches. There was a large crowd, about six hundred, in attendance on Sunday. The next Annual Conference will meet at Green Valley in Bath county, in August, 1900. The Mid-Winter Convention will be held at Hamiltons Chapel in Highland county, November 16th, 1899.

SOURCES OF WELL KNOWN PROVERBS.

Nine persons out of ten attribute the well-known expression, "Man propose but God disposes," to the Bible, but it was the good Thos. a Kempis who said it in his "Imitation of Christ." Another often-used expression is "Comparisons are odious." This is properly so far as English literature is concerned, attributed to John Porteus, who flourished in the middle of the fifteenth century, but we find in Cervantes, Marlowe, Burton and Herbert, while Heywood has it among his proverbs. Shakespeare, in his "Much Ado About Nothing," paraphrases it into "Comparisons are odious," and in this form the saying has almost as much currency as the original. "Spare the rod and spoil the child," is generally thought to be a text from the Bible. And in substance it is, for King Solomon said: "He that spareth the rod spoileth his son," but it is found in Butler's "Huiliars" in the neater form in which it is usually quoted,—"Woman's Home Companion."

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SUMMER CATARRH

Catarrh of the bowels, because it is most prevalent in the summer months, is called summer catarrh.

It surprises many that bowel trouble is catarrh. Dr. Hartman's books make this plain. Write to the Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for them. They tell all about catarrh and how Peruna cures it wherever located.

"I had chronic diarrhea for fifteen years," writes Mr. T. E. Miller, Grand Prairie, Tex. "I tried many medicines and doctors in vain. At last Peruna was recommended, and it relieved and cured me at once."

Mr. John Harting, 633 Main St., Cincinnati, O., writes: "My wife and myself took your Peruna for chronic diarrhea and it cured us. No doctor or medicine we tried before helped us."

Mr. Edward Worman, Leggett, Tex., writes: "Peruna for bowel troubles is unequalled by anything in my experience. I owe my life to Peruna, and shall always recommend it to those suffering as I was."

Mr. John Edgerton, 1029 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years. I took Peruna and am now well."

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MR. E. H. BARCLAY FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

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Very respectfully,
MANY VOTERS.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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FACETIOUS WRITER'S VERSION

A facetious writer, who borrows a semi-biblical form with which to express his thoughts, rather humorously portrays the situation in the mountains of Kentucky with reference to funds as follows:

Man born in the wilds of Kentucky is of few days and easy virtue. He fisheth, addleth, fusteth and fighteth all the days of his life.

He shunneeth water as a mad dog and drinketh much whiskey.

When he desireth to raise a family he planteth a neighbor, and lo, he reapeth twenty fold.

He riseth even from his cradle to seek the scalp of his grandfather's enemy and bringeth home in his earliest communion of his neighbor's wife's comb's handle, rather than the strength of the dead.

Yea, really, the life is a tragedy and he knoweth not the hour when he must be jerked home.

He goeth forth on a journey and is shot and cometh back on a shotgun shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the back shot from his person.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

He calleth his fellow man a liar and getteth himself filled with scrap iron even to the fourth generation.

Arevone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife, and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife, before he has time to explain.

He enlighteneth a demijohn in himself and a shotgun into his enemy and his enemy's son lieth in wait on election day, and lo, the corner ploweth up a 40-acre field to bury the remains of that man.

STORY OF A SLAVE.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich. tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Elee Bitters she is wonderfully improved and a ble to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by McCrum Drug Co.

A law was recently passed in Switzerland prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of